

## - MEETING MINUTES -

### Florida Commission on Review of Taxpayer Funded Hospital Districts

**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2011

**Time:** 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Agency for Health Care Administration, Conference Room A

**Members Present:** Dominic Calabro, Chair, Brad Dinkins, R. Paul Duncan (via phone), Jacob C. Jackson (via phone), Marshall Kelley, J. Scott McCleneghen, Senator Joe Negron, Representative Matt Hudson, Randall McElheney (via phone), and Jeff Gregg, Executive Director

**AHCA Administrators and Staff Present:** Kaylyn Boles, Beth Eastman, Marsha Webb, Ryan Fitch, Marisol Novak, and Faye Miller

**Interested Parties Present:** Bill Bell, Florida Hospital Association; John Benz, Memorial Healthcare System; Eric Prutsman, Prutsman and Associates, PA; Doug Russell, D. Russell & Associates; Harry Duncanson; Jim Zingale, Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida; David Ashburn, Greenberg Traurig; Fred Jung, Sarasota Memorial; Steve Taylor, Sarasota Memorial

**Welcome and Introductions:** Dominic Calabro, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Florida Commissioner's Review of Taxpayer Funded Hospital Districts (Commission members) and interested parties. The Chair requested the Commission members introduce themselves.

**Review and Approval of August 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Calabro called for a review and approval of the minutes from the August 16<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Mr. Brad Dinkins made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Senator Joe Negron. The motion passed.

**Commission Status Report:** Director Gregg reviewed the charge of the Commission as outlined in the Executive Order. He recommended for consideration that the Commission minimize any effort to dig deeper into rural hospitals. He suggested that this would be challenging as these types of facilities receive more emergency department visits than inpatient discharges.

**Review of Hospital Data:** Director Gregg discussed each of the eleven districts and reviewed the data outlined on the website. The data can be found at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/FCTFH/GeographicRegion.shtml>. The data included financial, Medicaid and clinical outcome measures. There was a lengthy discussion about the data included in each district and each spreadsheet. Director Gregg noted to make sure that costs weren't confused with charges when reviewing the data. He also recommends that the Commission look at specific districts or counties such as Volusia and District 10. He also recommended removing District 5 from list as they have no taxing districts.

Mr. Kelley noted that the case mix ranges are dramatic and cannot look at costs without looking at how it correlates with case mix. He also stated that they don't want to look at hospitals with

higher than expected results unless there is a pattern. They would need more years of data to determine if a pattern exists. The Commissioners were in agreement that they needed to sort through the data to determine how it will help them with doing the assigned tasks as outlined in the Executive Order.

**Public Comment:** The Commissioners did not receive any public comment.

**Meeting Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is September 20, 2011.